

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 826

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Arvel "Darb" and Minnie Cross on the celebration of their 71st wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1939, Arvel "Darb" and Minnie Cross were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cross have been highly respected citizens of their community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cross are devout members of the First Baptist Church in Caryville; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced six children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Crosses' children are Donald, Jerry, Wanda, Paul, Jackie, and Greg; and

WHEREAS, the Crosses are also the proud grandparents of J.J., Jann, Tammy, Donnie, Merideth, Suzanne, Saprina, Shaun, Tyler, Emily, and Eli, and the proud great-grandparents of Jordan, Amanda, Shelby, Kelsey, Kendall, Loren, Lacie, Addison, Alissa, Skyler, and Shaylan; and

WHEREAS, known to the community as "Mammaw and Pappaw Cross," this beloved couple's blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love for seventy-one years; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Crosses' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Arvel "Darb" and Minnie Cross on the celebration of their 71st wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.